

What is claimed is:

1. A recording medium playback apparatus comprising of a determining unit making a determination as to the presence or absence of an error wherein, when 5 character code for text data recorded on a recording medium is a double-byte character code, if only one of two bytes forming the double-byte character code at present check position coincides with a predetermined special code, said determining unit determines that an 10 error has occurred.

2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a repeating unit updating said check position and causing said determining unit to repeat said determination.

15 3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of tracks of audio playback digital data are further recorded on said recording medium,

20 said text data is recorded in corresponding relationship to each track of said audio playback digital data, and

25 said special code is a null code indicating a track separation.

4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an output unit outputting characters corresponding to said text data recorded on said recording medium, wherein

30 when it is determined by said determining unit that abnormal data has occurred, said output unit stops outputting said characters.

5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a changing unit changing a character separating position for reading said double-byte character code when it is determined by said determining 35 unit that abnormal data has occurred.

6. A recording medium playback apparatus comprising:

a character position detecting unit detecting a character position for at least one of the character codes contained in text data recorded on a recording medium; and

5                   a determining unit determining that abnormal data is recorded, if said character position detected by said character position detecting unit contradicts character position information recorded on said recording medium.

10                7. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein a plurality of tracks of audio playback digital data are further recorded on said recording medium,

15                said text data is recorded in corresponding relationship to each track of said audio playback digital data, and

                  said character position is a character position within a string of characters recorded in each track.

20                8. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, further comprising an output unit outputting characters corresponding to said text data recorded on said recording medium, wherein

25                when it is determined by said determining unit that abnormal data has occurred, said output unit stops outputting said characters.

                  9. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, further comprising a changing unit changing a character separating position for reading a double-byte character code when it is determined by said determining unit that abnormal data has occurred.